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(54) Title: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR CONVERTING TAXANE AMIDES TO PACLITAXEL OR OTHER TAXANES

(57) Abstract: The invention relates to methods and compositions for converting taxane amides to paclitaxel or other taxanes. In one alternative embodiment, the present invention comprises; (i) selectively protecting at least one OH group of a taxane amide; (ii) contacting the taxane amide with a transition metal compound to reduce the amide; (iii) contacting the reduced amide with an agent capable of substantially removing the transition metal; (iv) contacting the reduced amide with a hydrolyzing amount of acid to form a taxane amine salt in solution; (v) adding a sufficient amount of solvent to solidify the amine salt; and (vi) converting the taxane amine salt into paclitaxel or other taxanes.

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## A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	US 5,319,112 A (KINGSTON et al) 07 June 1994.	1-12, 62-70, 101-109

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☐ See patent family annex.

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## Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of Item 1 of first sheet)

This international report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☐ Claim Nos.:  
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
2. ☐ Claim Nos.:  
because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically:
3. ☐ Claim Nos.:  
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

## Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of Item 2 of first sheet)

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1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims.
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**BOX II. OBSERVATIONS WHERE UNITY OF INVENTION IS LACKING**

This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions, which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1. In order for all inventions to be examined, the appropriate additional examination fees must be paid.

Group I, claim(s) 1-12, 62-70, 101-109, drawn to compounds.

Group II, claim(s) 13-33, drawn to a process of taxane salt from taxane imine.

Group III, claim(s) 34-61, 71-78, drawn to a process of making taxane mixture from taxane amide and transition metal.

Group IV, claim(s) 79, drawn to a process of making taxane imine from taxane amide.

Group V, claim(s) 80-100, drawn to a 2<sup>nd</sup> process of making taxane salt from taxane imine.

Group VI, claim(s) 110-112, drawn to a 2<sup>nd</sup> process of making taxane imine from taxane amide.

The inventions listed as Groups II-VI do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: the inventions are drawn to different processes of making the same or different products. Therefore, under PCT Rule 13.1 and 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features.

The inventions listed as Groups I and II-VI do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: the invention of group I is drawn to compounds while the inventions of groups II-VI are drawn to different processes of making compounds different from the compounds of group I. Therefore, under PCT Rule 13.1 and 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features.